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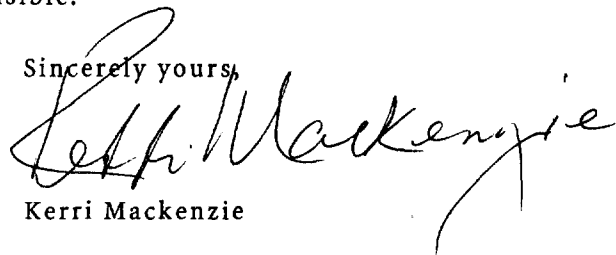
Dear Sir or Madam:

The following opinion is respectfully submitted in the hope that my voice is heard.

I am very much opposed to meat irradiation. Irradiation of meat will reduce the pressure on agribusiness to provide better treatment and living conditions of farmed animals. In addition, Due to the fact that irradiation extends the shelf-life of meat and poultry, it will lead to increased exports.

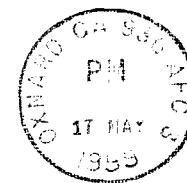
As a consumer and a parent, I will always want every product that has been irradiated, or contains an irradiated ingredient, conspicuously labeled as "irradiated" or with the radura logo—and with no expiration for this consumer warning. Anything less would be inaccurate, misleading and irresponsible.

Sincerely yours,

  
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